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REMARKS

The Applicants would firstly like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of extending a personal interview to the Applicants' representatives James W. Ausley and Michael H. Trenholm. In the interview, it was agreed that Kucharek (US 4,748,495) does not teach or suggest the additional claim limitation made by this paper to Claim 1 and similarly to Claim 21 that the circuit housing assembly comprises a housing lid having one or more spring or resilient elements arranged to bear substantially directly on the circuit chip so as to induce an elastic pressure on the chip to establish a compression contact between the circuit chip and inner contacts of the housing assembly. The Kucharek '495 reference teaches a separate generally cylindrical piston or heat transfer element bearing on the Kucharek chips. Thus, the Applicants believe that the subject application as currently amended is patentable over the teachings of Kucharek '495 as well as the other art of record.

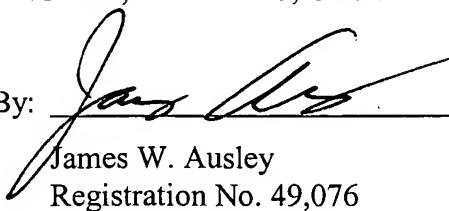
From the foregoing, the Applicants believe that the subject application is now in a condition ready for allowance and respectfully request prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability. However, should there remain any further impediments to the allowance of this application that might be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the below-indicated telephone number.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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